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SUBJ: 30TH UNGA: GENERAL DEBATE STATEMENT - TURKEY

1. SUMMARY: TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTER CAGLAYANGIL SPOKE IN VERY BROAD TERMS ON A NUMBER OF ISSUES OF IMPORTANCE TO TURKEY, BUT ADDRESSED THE CYPRUS QUESTION IN CONSIDERABLY MORE DETAIL. HE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED THE UN TO CONTINUE ITS ROLE, AND SAID THAT ANY SOLUTION WOULD HAVE TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE PRINCIPLES OF THE EQUALITY OF THE TWO COMMUNITIES, RESPECT FOR THE INDEPENDENCE, TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND SOVEREIGNTY OF CYPRUS, THE CREATION OF A BI-ZONAL FRDERATION, AND PARTICIPATION BY THE TWO COMMUNITIES IN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ON A BASIS OF EQUALITY. AS SOON AS A SOLUTION COULD BE REACHED REFLECTING THESE PRINCIPLES, TURKEY WOULD WITHDRAW ITS MILITARY FORCES. END SUMMARY.

2. REFERRING IN WARM AND ENCOURAGING WORDS TO THE ROLE OF THE UN, CAGLAYANGIL SAID THAT RESOLUTION 3212 HAD PROVIDED THE PROCEDURAL FRAMEWORK UNDER WHICH REPRESENTATIVES

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OF THE TWO COMMUNITIES HAD MET FOUR TIMES.

EVEN THOUGH THESE REPRESENTATIVES HAD NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO REACH AGREEMENT ON A SOLUTION, THEY HAVE NONE THE LESS BEEN ABLE TO REGISTER SOME CONVERGENCE OF THEIR VIEWPOINTS. MANY OF THE PRECEDING SPEAKERS HAD STRESSED THE NECESSITY OF CONTINUING INTERCOMMUNAL DISCUSSIONS. THE FOREIGN MINISTER SHARED THEIR OPINIONS AND SAID HE WAS CONVINCED THE PROCEDURE NOW BEING FOLLOWED WAS THE ONLY ONE WHICH COULD LEAD TO A SETTLEMENT OF THE CONFLICT.

3. CAGLAYANGIL SAID THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT HELD THAT ANY SOLUTION WOULD HAVE TO BE BASED ON THE FOLLOWING PRINCIPLES AND CONSIDERATIONS: 1. THE TWO COMMUNITIES WERE IN THE PROCESS OF NEGOTIATING ON AN EQUAL FOOTING BASED ON UN RESOLUTIONS. ANY ATTEMPT TO DISTURB THIS PRINCIPLE OF EQUALITY WOULD ONLY RENDER THE CONTINUATION OF NEGOTIATIONS IMPOSSIBLE.; 2. THE FUTURE SOLUTION SHOULD BE FOUNDED ON RESPECT FOR THE INDEPENDENCE, TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY, AND THE SOVEREIGNTY OF CYPRUS. CYPRUS SHOULD FOLLOW A POLICY OF NON-ALIGNMENT. 3. THE CONSTITUTION OF THE ISLAND SHOULD PROVIDE FOR THE CREATION OF A BI-ZONAL FEDERATION IN WHICH ECONOMIC FACTORS, THE STRUCTURES AND NEEDS OF THE TWO COMMUNITIES AND THE NEED TO ASSURE COOPERATION BASED ON SECURITY AND MUTUAL CONFIDENCE; 4. THE TWO COMMUNITIES SHOULD PARTICIPATE IN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ON A FOOTING OF EQUALITY. THE FEDERAL INSTITUTIONS SHOULD ASSURE RESPECT OF THE CONSTITUTION AND POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC EQUALITY BETWEEN THE TWO CUMMUNITIES.

4. CAGLAYANGIL CONCLUDED HIS REMARKS ON CYPRUS BY SAYING THAT AS SOON AS A SOLUTION REFLECTING THESE PRINCIPLES COULD BE ACHIEVED, TURKEY WOULD PROCEED WITH THE WITHDRAWAL OF ITS MILITARY FORCES. HE NOTED THAT TURKEY HAD CONSIDERABLY REDUCED ITS FORCES ON THE ISLAND.

5. CAGLAYANGIL TOUCHED BRIEFLY ON A NUMBER OF OTHER ISSUES. HE CALLED THE CSCE CONFERENCE AND EVENT OF CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE, AND EXPRESSED TURKEY'S HOPE THAT ALL PARTICIPANTS WOULD RESPECT THE PRINCIPLES ENUNCIATED IN THE FINAL CSCE DECLARATION AND THEREBY UNCLASSIFIED

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STRENGTHEN DETENTE. HE STRESSED THE CONSIDERABLE SIGNIFICANCE OF CSCE PRINCIPLES TO THE NON-EUROPEAN MEDITERRANEAN COUNTRIES. IN THE INTEREST OF DETENTE TURKEY WAS ALSO PARTICIPATING IN THE MBFR, SUPPORTED GENERAL DISARMAMENT SUBJECT TO EFFECTIVE CONTROLS, AND CONSIDERED THE SOVIET INITIATIVE TO BAN ALL NUCLEAR ARMS TESTS AS MERITING ATTENTION. HE LAUDED THE NEW SPIRIT WHICH HAD APPEARED DURING THE 7TH

SPECIAL SESSION, WHICH CONSTITUTED AN IMPORTANT STEP
IN THE ACHIEVEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION.
ON THE MIDDLE EAST, THE FOREIGN MINISTER SAID THAT
TURKEY'S ATTITUDE REMAINED UNCHANGED: A DEFINITIVE
SOLUTION HAD TO BE BASED ON THE WITHDRAWAL OF FOREIGN
TROOPS FROM ARAB TERRITORIES OCCUPIED BY FORCE AND
ON RECOGNITION OF THE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE
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